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SUBJECT: SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM TO BRAZIL

1. INFLUENTIAL DUTCH DAILY "NRC HANDELSBLAD" ON MARCH 14
CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY HEADLINED: "US URANIUM TO BRAZIL,
NO GUARANTEES DEMANDED." IT REPORTS THAT ON MARCH 9 NUCLEAR
REGULATORY COMMISSION ISSUED EXPORT LICENSE TO WESTINGHOUSE
FGFWIVERY OF 200 TONS OF FUEL RODS CONTAINING 60 TONS OF
ENRICHED URANIUM FOR USE IN BRAZILIAN REACTOR ANGRA I,
ENABLING IT TO START OPERATION BY THE END OF THE YEAR.
ACCORDING TO STORX, EXPORT LICENSE CONTAINS A SO-CALLED
OPEN ENDED CLAUSE DEALING WITH DISPOSITION OF NUCLEAR WASTE.
WHAT MAKES THE REPORT POLITICALLY SIGNIFICANT HERE IS THAT
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RESULTING ARRANGEMENT IS CHARACTERIZED AS LESS TIGHT THAN THAT
REQUIRED BY DUTCH PARLIAMENT FOR GON (THE HAGUE 542). US
LICENSE IS DESCRIBED AS NOT REQUIRING AGREED ARRANGEMENTS
FOR DEALING WITH NUCLEAR WASTES PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF ENRICHED
URANIUM; DUTCH PARLIAMENT RECENTLY INSISTED THAT NO ENRICHED
URANIUM BE DELIVERED FROM ALMELO FACILITY UNTIL THEREQAS
AN AGREED ARRANGEMENO FOR AN ADEQUATELY SAFEGUARDED PLUTONIUM

STORAGE REGIME.

2. ISSUE OF SUPPLY OF URANIUM TO BRAZIL IS CURRENTLY CRITICAL POLITICAL QUESTION IN NETHERLANDS. PARLIAMENT WILL FOCUS ON IT AGAIN, PERHAPS NEXT WEEK. SUPPORTERS OF FULL SCOPE SAFE-GUARDS IN URENCO-BRAZIL AGREEMENT HAVE TAKEN HEART FROM PAST US STATEMENTS OF NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY. IF US IS NOW PERCEIVED TO SUPPLY BRAZIL WITH URANIUM FOR ANGRA I WITHOUT ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS, US ACTION WILL BE USED AS EXAMPLE BY THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE US NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY FEASIBLE. IN ADDITION, US ACTION WILL BE CITED BY ALL POLITICAL SIDES IN ONGOING DEBATE AS TO WHAT CONDITIONS GON SHOULD INSIST UPON BEFORE AGRZEING TO DELIVER ENRICHED URANIUM TO BRAZIL. POLITICAL LEFT WHICH HAS BEEN PLEAASED WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S NUCLEAR POLICIES WILL BE DISAPPOINTED. THOSE WHO CYNICALLY BELIEVE THAT US NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES ONLY AIMED AT HELPING US COMMERCIAL INTERESTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED.

3. EMBASSY HAS ALREADY RECEIVED QUERIES, ONE OF WHICH RELATES OF TIMING IN VIEW OF SIGNATURE ON MARCH 10 BY PRESIDENT OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT OF 1978. WE WISH TO ANSWER2-ANDHIF POSSIBLE CORRECT--"NRC HANDELSBLAD" STORY. HAS NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION APPROVED LICENSE FOR WESTINGHOUSE SUPPLY OF URANIUM FOR AMGRA I? IF NOT, WHAT IS STATUS OF REQUEST FOR LICENSE? IF SO, WHAT ARE SAFEGUARDS? REQUEST ANSWER BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

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